

GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

APFDC Ltd. – Eco-Tourism Projects – SKVBR Botanical Garden, Night Safari and Eco Park, and Bird Park in Kothaguda Reserve Forest – Projects awarded to the Developers – Orders Issued – Certain Amendment – Issued.

ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS, SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY (FOR.II) DEPARTMENT

G.O. Ms. No. 7

Dated:30.01.2009

Read the following:-

1. G.O. Ms. No.142, EFS&T (For.II) Dept., dt.15.12.2007.
2. From Member Secretary, Central Zoo Authority Letter No.20-1/2001-CZA(Vol.VI)(M), dt.24.11.2008.
3. From Vice Chairman & Managing Director, A.P. Forest Development Corporation Limited, Letter No.FDC/ET-2/11.29/39/BP, Dt.31.12.2008.

ORDER:-

In the G.O. 1st read above, orders have been issued among others approving the recommendations made by the State Empowered Committee relating to Revised Revenue Sharing Mechanism in respect of (1) SKVBR Botanical Gardens; (2) Night Safari, and (3) Bird Park in Kothaguda Reserve Forests, Rangareddy District as detailed in para 7 therein and permitting the A.P. Forest Development Corporation Limited to enter into Concession Agreement with the developer of Bird Park Eco-Tourism Project on receipt of the required statutory clearances including Central Zoo Authority clearance and the Hon'ble Supreme Court's orders, for the other components of the project, i.e., Bird Park & Aviary etc., for which such clearances are mandatory.

2. Subsequently, the Central Zoo Authority have clarified that the proposed Hyderabad Bird Park at Kothaguda R.F., in RR District, Andhra Pradesh has planned to keep and exhibit exotic Birds only which are not covered under the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972. Hence the proposed facility does not come under the definition of "Zoo" and no prior permission from the Central Zoo Authority under Section 38H (A) of the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972 is needed for establishment of the same. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (WL) & Chief Wildlife Warden, Andhra Pradesh has also forwarded the above clarification issued by Central Zoo Authority to the A.P. Forest Development Corporation Limited to take follow up action.

3. The Vice Chairman & Managing Director, A.P. Forest Development Corporation Limited, while referring to the letters of Central Zoo Authority and Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (WL) & Chief Wildlife Warden, Andhra Pradesh, has requested the Government to issue necessary orders to enable to take up follow up action of entering into Concession Agreement with the developer, M/s. Hyderabad Bird Park & Gardens Pvt. Ltd., duly amending the G.O Ms. No.142, dt.15.12.07 to that extent as was done in case of Night Safari & Eco Park Eco-Tourism Project in Kothaguda RF in G.O. Ms. No.153, EFS&T (For.II) Dept., dt.20.11.2008.

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4. Government have examined the matter carefully and considered that at the time of placing the proposals before the State Empowered Committee, the clarification now given by the Central Zoo Authority is not available and accordingly it was ordered in the G.O. for entering into an agreement on receipt of the required statutory clearances including Central Zoo Authority clearance and the Hon'ble Supreme Court's orders, for the other components of the project, i.e., Bird Park & Aviary etc., for which such clearances are mandatory.

5. In view of the clearance issued by Central Zoo Authority, the G.O. Ms. No.142, EFS&T (For.II) Dept., dt.15.12.2007 requires to be amended suitably. Accordingly Government hereby issue the following amendment:-

AMENDMENT

In para 7 of G.O. Ms. No.142, EFS&T (For.II) Dept., dt.15.12.2007, the item IV under III) Bird Park Eco-Tourism Project, the following shall be substituted:-

"IV. The Concession Agreement will be entered into by the A.P. Forest Development Corporation Limited with the Developer of the Bird Park Eco-Tourism Project accordingly."

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SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT.

To
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A.P. Forest Development Corporation Limited, Hyderabad.
The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad.
The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (WL) & Chief Wildlife Warden,
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The Director, Eco-Tourism, A.P. Forest Development Corpn. Ltd., Hyderabad.
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